

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-34 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 7, 12 and 16 of copending Application No. 09/682,512 commonly owned with the instant application. The Examiner states that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection.

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer. Applicants request entry of this terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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